**Assistance to Tamil Nadu for revival of handicrafts sector**

3089. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to extend any assistance to the State of Tamil Nadu for the revival of languishing handicrafts of the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof, handicraft-wise; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) and (b) The schemes being implemented for development and promotion of handicrafts are being implemented throughout the country as grant-in-aid schemes through Implementing Agencies like State Handicrafts Development Corporations/apex bodies and NGOs etc. based on the merit of proposals and availability of funds. Assistance for revival of languishing crafts in Tamil Nadu could be considered on the basis of proposals received from eligible implementing agencies as per norms.

(c) Does not arise.

**Role of handloom and khadi clothes after lifting of sanctions**

†3090. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the quantitative sanctions imposed on the textile and readymade garments among member countries of the WTO, have been lifted; and

(b) if so, the role of handloom and khadi clothes in this scenario?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) As per WTO Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC), the textile quota regime has come to an end and the textile sector fully integrated into WTO on 1st January, 2005.

(b) Most of handlooms, folklore and khadi products were already exempted from the quota restrictions. However, in general, the free global

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trading regime would result in increased international trade thus providing greater export opportunities for the indigenous textile industry. At the same time, it will expose the domestic industry to increased competition in the international market. The industry will have to improve its efficiency and productivity to meet the emerging global competition.

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## PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

### Report and Accounts (2003-2004) of Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (IREDA) New Delhi and Related Papers

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SERVICES (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): Sir, I lay on the Table:

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section(1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956:

(a) Seventeenth Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (IRED), New Delhi, for the year 2003-2004, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Agency.

II. Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (I) above. [Placed in Library. See No. L.T. 1991/05]

### Special order of Ministry of Home Affairs authorising Governor of Goa for additional expenses under Tour Expenses of Schedule-II to the Governors (allowances and privileges) rules 1987

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY

I. (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): Sir, I lay on the Table, under sub-section (3) of section 12 of the Governors (Emoluments, Allowances and Privileges) Act, 1982, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Special Order No. 5/1/2004-M&G dated the 14th March, 2005, authorizing Governor of Goa for additional expenses under Tour Expenses of Schedule-II to the Governors (Allowances and Privileges) Rules, 1987. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 1915/05]